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The Honorable Alexander Haig
Secretary, Dept. of State
2201 "C" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ constitutes 550 congregations and 178,000 members gathered in Annual Meeting, June 14-15-16, 1981.

At that meeting, the enclosed resolution was adopted by vote of 350 For, 48 Against, and 36 Abstentions.

In obedience to the instructions of that resolution, I send it to you so that you might know the thinking and feeling of this Conference on this very important incident in the meeting here.

Sincerely,

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Conference Minister

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Enclosure

This letter sent to: Ambassador Ephriam Evron; Senators John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum; William Eagleton, Dept. of State; Ambassador Dr. Clovis Maksoud; and President Ronald Reagan

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RESOLUTION ON THE ISRAELI-IRAQI INCIDENT, submitted by the Reverend Richard Wolff and the Reverend Donald Powers

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ believes that "Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:8); and

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ supports a settlement of the Middle East conflict; and

WHEREAS the United States through the Camp David Accords and the statements of former President James Carter has endorsed a comprehensive peace settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict; and

WHEREAS United States supplied weapons to belligerent nations are for defensive purposes only according to Congressional legislation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 16th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ registers its dismay and strong opposition to Israel's preemptive attack on Iraq's nuclear plant on June 7, 1981, calls upon Israel's Arab neighbors to cease terrorist attacks on Israel and to recognize Israel's right to exist, and urges the United States to review its policy of supplying sophisticated weapons to belligerents, such action being inconsistent with United States announced legislation as a broker for peace in the world; and

That this action of the Ohio Conference be communicated to the embassies of Iraq, Israel, the League of Arab States, Senators John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and to President Ronald Reagan.

PASSED: 6/15/81
FOR: 350
AGAINST: 48
ABSTENTIONS: 6